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Miss Esther A. Peck

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Dear Miss Peck:

On behalf of Mr. Dulles, I wish to thank you for your letter of 21 November telling us about your efforts to teach the facts about Communism.

Dr. Frank E. Barnett, Director of Research, Richardson Foundation, has offered to follow up on Mr. Dulles' suggestion on this subject. I believe Dr. Barnett would be very interested to hear from you directly and to have an opportunity to read your course outline.

His address is:

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We appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing us about this matter.

Sincerely,

Walter Elder  
Assistant to the Director

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November 21, 1960

Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Dulles:

Today I read in The Reader's Digest the condensation of your address "We Can't Sicken Communism Without Understanding It."

You say to "educators to expand realistic teaching of the history and policies of Communism... Start education on Communism in our secondary schools."

I am a teacher of senior classes in Hillhouse High School in New Haven, and I agree with you so wholeheartedly. But I have been teaching the history of Russia, the history of the U.S.S.R., and the meaning of and policies of Communism, and the history of the Communist party,

for a number of years, and not one school person or administrator has ever even spoken to me about it. As far as I am concerned, I might as well be spending the time on Louis XIV and Napoleon. I find absolutely no recognition - or even awareness of my concern for this teaching about Communism in our school.

I shall be happy to send you my course of study if you are interested. Please know I wish I might do something to "start education on Communism in our secondary schools".

Sincerely yours,  
Robert C. Beck

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*Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C.*

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